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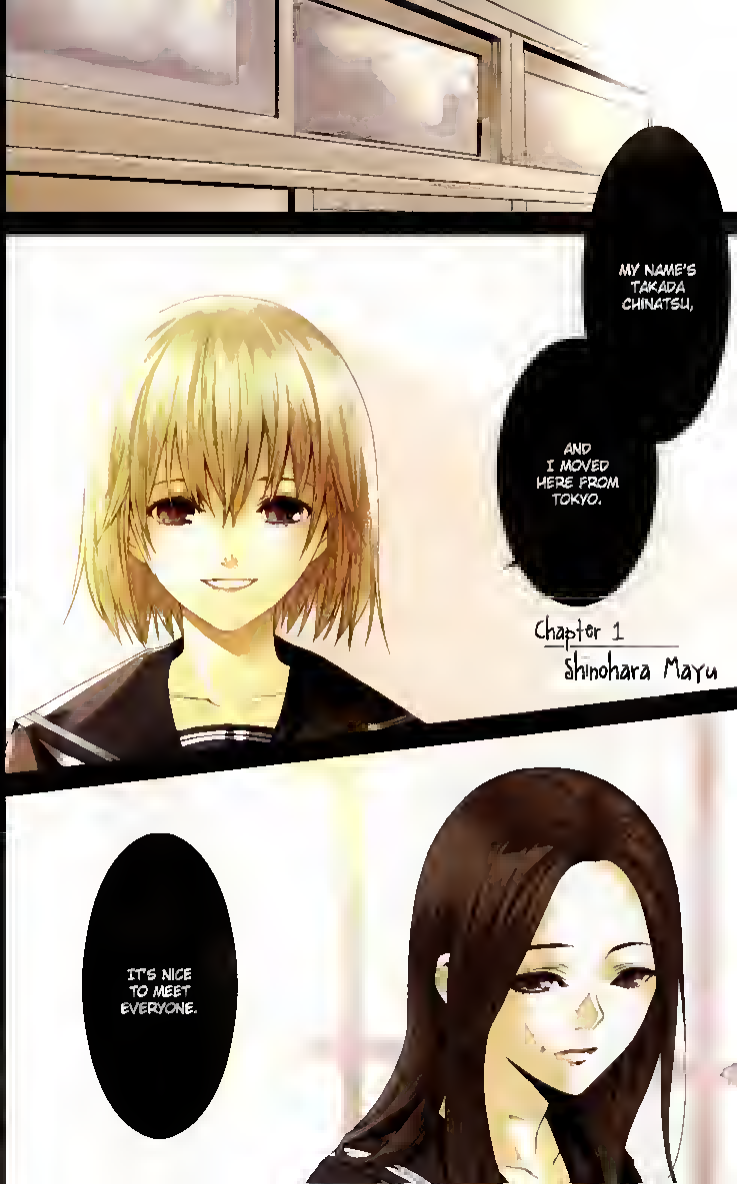
MY NAME'S TAKADA CHINATSU,
AND I MOVED HERE FROM TOKYO.
Chapter 1
Shinohara Mayu
IT'S NICE TO MEET EVERYONE.

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Kadokawa Comics A

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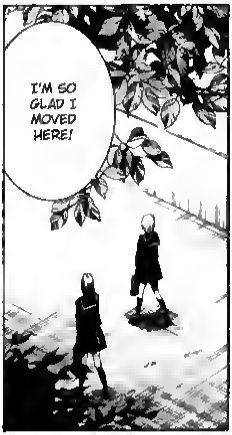
—Sin Dwellers—

IT'S FINALLY OVER——
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
BYE, TAKADA.
BYE.
chatter
chatter
HOMEROOM WAS WAY TOO LONG TODAY——
I DON'T WANNA GO TO CRAM SCHOOL.
!
SHINO-HARA..

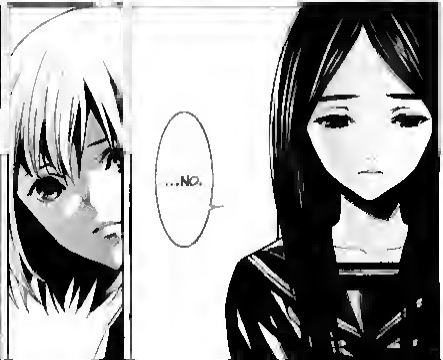
LET'S WALK HOME TO-GETHER.
TAKADA.
NO..
DIE
MOVE
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
...SURE
IT'S NOTHING.
DIE.

THE AIR IS REFRESH-ING.
AND EVERYONE IN TOWN IS SO NICE.

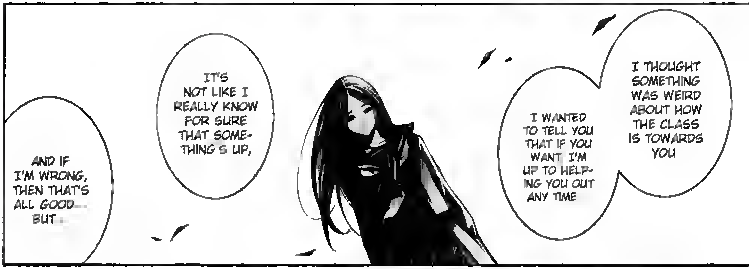

I'M SO GLAD I MOVED HERE!

AH,
THAT REMINDS ME, I SAW THE CUTEST SHOP DOWNTOWN YESTERDAY.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, SHINO-HARA?

THIS HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE, BUT


...NO.

YOU'RE ALWAYS BY YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU, SHINOHARA...?


I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WEIRD ABOUT HOW THE CLASS IS TOWARDS YOU
I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT IF YOU WANT, I'M UP TO HELPING YOU OUT ANY TIME
IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY KNOW FOR SURE THAT SOMETHING'S UP,
AND IF I'M WRONG, THEN THAT'S ALL GOOD... BUT...

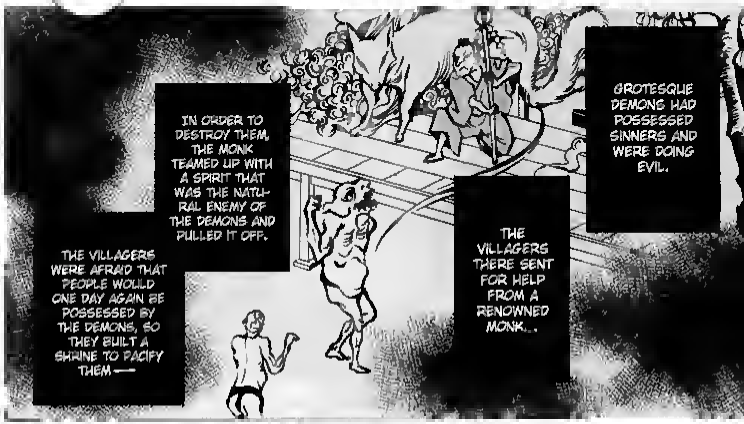
dash
AH!
I'M SORRY
IF SOMETHING'S GOING ON, I—
HUH?
—I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO.

...—
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
shock
LOOKS LIKE SHE GAVE YOU THE COLD SHOULDER.
AA—AH

Aaaaaa
Aaa
Aaa
FUMP
AAAAH HHHHH!
Aaa
Aaa
AHAHA HAHA!
Nice reaction
A—
HI THERE.
— HUH?

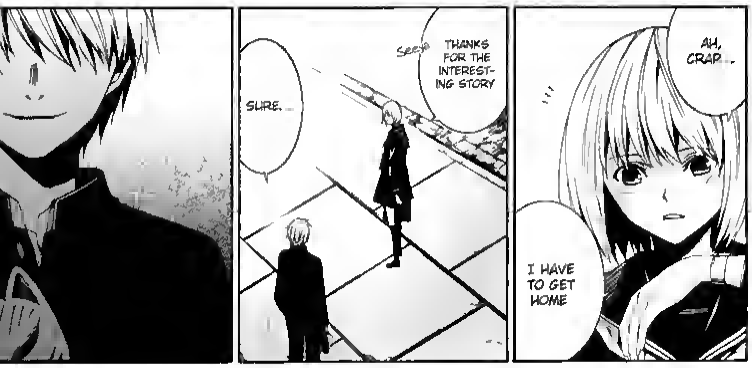
YOU REALLY SCARED ME
WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SO YOU LIVE AT THIS SHRINE, KUROE...
THEN YOU'RE THE SON OF THE PRIEST?
YOU SHOULD REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO THINGS POPPING OUT AROUND HERE
.. HUH?
TAKADA, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MONSTERS AND SPIRITS AND STUFF LIKE THAT?
AROUND HERE,
THERE'S A LEGEND ABOUT SPIRITS CALLED "SIN GODS" OR TSUMITSUKI, THE "SIN DWELLERS".
TSUMI... TSUKI?

YEAH,
THE LEGEND'S BEEN PASSED ON FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS NOW.
THERE'S A SHRINE AND STATUE AROUND HERE DEDICATED TO "THEM".
JUST AS THEIR NAME IMPLIES, THEY'RE DEMONS THAT HAUNT THE FEELINGS OF GUILT A PERSON HAS OVER THEIR SINS
—THERE'S ALSO A FOLKTALE ABOUT IT.


GROTESQUE DEMONS HAD POSSESSED SINNERS AND WERE DOING EVIL.
THE VILLAGERS THERE SENT FOR HELP FROM A RENOWNED MONK...
IN ORDER TO DESTROY THEM, THE MONK TEAMED UP WITH A SPIRIT THAT WAS THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE DEMONS AND PULLED IT OFF.
THE VILLAGERS WERE AFRAID THAT PEOPLE WOULD ONE DAY AGAIN BE POSSESSED BY THE DEMONS, SO THEY BUILT A SHRINE TO PACIFY THEM—

THOSE DEMONS ARE TSUMITSUKI.

HMM.
you really are a writer's son.
THAT'S OFTEN HOW FOLKTALES ARE.
TO FRIGHTEN CHILDREN WITH. "IF YOU DO BAD THINGS, MONSTERS WILL EAT YOU."
...WELL, REALLY.
IT WAS JUST OUR ANCESTORS COMING UP WITH A SCARY STORY...


SURE...
SEEYA
THANKS FOR THE INTERESTING STORY
AH, CRAP...
I HAVE TO GET HOME

—SEEYA.

TAKADA,
GOOD MORNING.
YEAH, TOTALLY—
AH, MORNING TAKADA
MORNING
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS NOW SINCE YOU'VE MOVED HERE
ARE YOU USED TO THE SCHOOL YET?
OH, YEAH
IT...
COULD BE ONE OF THESE GIRLS HERE...
WHO'S BULLYING SHINOHARA...

GOOD MORNING!
SHINO-HARA...
AH,
GOOD MORNING...
I HAVE TO HELP HER OUT.

SHE DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL.
—BUT THE NEXT DAY...
SHINO-HARA...
I KNEW IT...
slide
DIE
DING DONG
DING DONG

TAKADA?
!
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
UM, I CAME TO GIVE YOU A HANDOUT...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?
...
IT'S NOTH-ING.
BUT...
I SAID IT'S NOTH-ING!!

GO HOME
DON'T TALK TO ME ANY-MORE...
HAAA
HAAA
HAA
HAAA
HAA

1-3
ABSENT AGAIN...?
SHINO-HARA?
SAITOU.
HERE.
SHINO-HARA.
CLATTER
OKAY. SUZUKI--
SHINO-HARA... ARE YOU BETTER, THEN?
...YES
.....
SADAKO, LOOK —
IT WASN'T A COLD?
Chatter
Chatter
WHAT'S THAT?

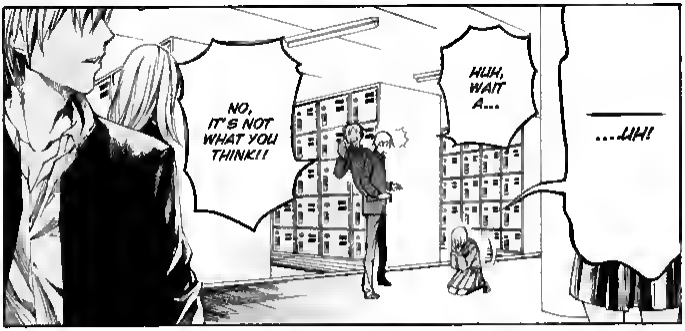
chatter
chatter

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
WANT TO DO SOME KARA-OKE?
YEAH, I'LL GO!
BYE.

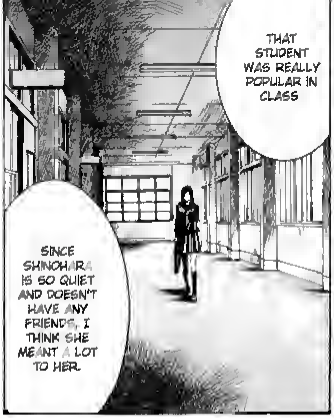
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE UP WITH SHI-NOHARA.
I CAN'T TALK TO HER AFTER THAT.

WAS I... WRONG...?
WHAT'S WRONG?

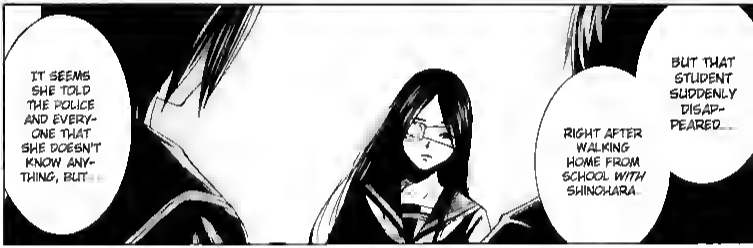
HEY.
AH,
WERE YOU...
WAITING FOR SOMEONE?


...UH!
HUH, WAIT A...
NO, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!!

...
—SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED?
I'VE HEARD SOME STUFF ABOUT SHINO-HARA FROM CLASS 3.
INCLUDING THE REASON. SHE'S BEING PICKED ON
HUH?


THAT STUDENT WAS REALLY POPULAR IN CLASS
SINCE SHINOHARA IS SO QUIET AND DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, I THINK SHE MEANT A LOT TO HER.

A YEAR AGO, A STUDENT SHE WAS FRIENDS WITH...
DISAP-PEARED.


IT SEEMS SHE TOLD THE POLICE AND EVERY-ONE THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANY-THING, BUT...
RIGHT AFTER WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH SHINOHARA...
BUT THAT STUDENT SUDDENLY DISAP-PEARED...

AND THEY WOULDN'T LET HER OFF THE HOOK...

SHINOHARA'S CLASSMATES NEVER THOUGHT MUCH OF HER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

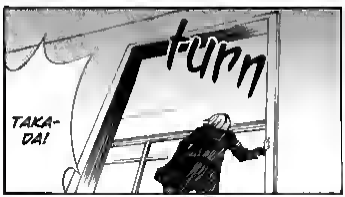
THAT'S HORRIBLE...
STILL, WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS HER WOUNDS.
...DO YOU REMEMBER THE TSUMITSUKI I TOLD YOU ABOUT?
...HUH?
THE DEMONS POSSESS THE FEELINGS OF GUILT A PERSON HAS...
BUT THE PEOPLE THEY POSSESS AREN'T LIMITED TO JUST CRIMINALS.
NOT ALL CRIMINALS FEEL GUILT OVER THEIR CRIMES.
NO ONE ELSE CAN DECIDE WHAT CONSTITUTES A CRIME.
THOSE DEMONS WILL STRIKE AT THE DARKNESS IN YOUR HEART EVEN IF YOU CREATE THAT DARKNESS YOURSELF.
WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THAT UP NOW...
AND THEY EAT AWAY AT THE PERSON THEY POSSESS FROM THE INSIDE, LITTLE BY LITTLE...
IN ORDER TO DESTROY THEIR HOST AND MATERIALIZE.

BDMP
BDMP
THAT GIRL...
SFX: WHAM
ISN'T HUMAN ANY-MORE.
...UH!
AHH!

?!
haa
haa
AAHH HHH!
AH!
DASH
KUROE!?
ARE YOU ALONE IN HERE? WHAT HAPPENED?
...
ARE YOU OKAY ...?
WHAT IS THIS?

HOW DID SHE.

SHI
SHINO-HARA, SHE

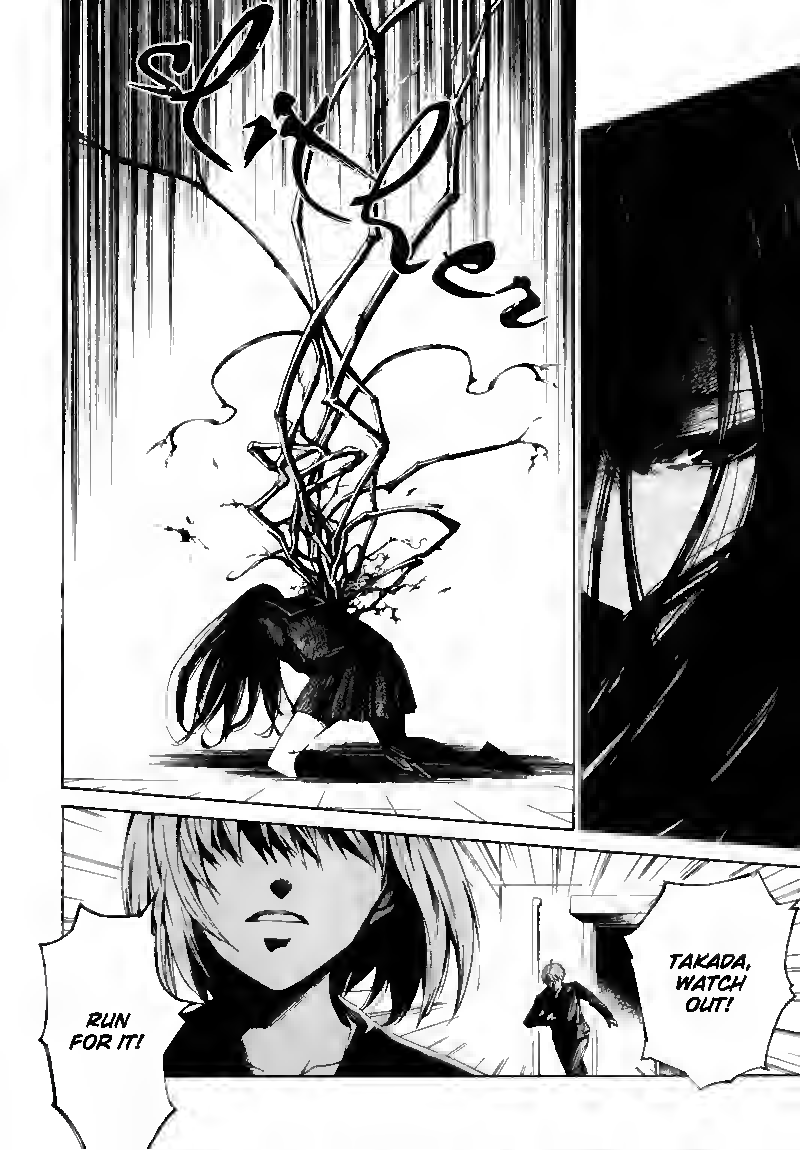

turn
TAKA-DA!

—OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU SHOULDN'T TELL ANYONE WHAT HAPPENED HERE
WELL, NOT LIKE THEY'D BELIEVE YOU, ANYWAY

AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE WENT...
DAMN,

haa
haa

WHAT HAPPENED TO HER A YEAR AGO...
UM.. SHINOHARA?
DO YOU MIND IF I EAT LUNCH WITH YOU?
Just once since we sit so close!
COULD THAT BE...
WHY SHE'S KEPT ME AT A DISTANCE?
THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HER TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH ME.
... SURE.
GO AHEAD.
SHE COULD HAVE USED ANY EXCUSE.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER PAST!
SO...
THERE SHE IS!
SHINO-HARA!


Kiyoshi
TAKADA, WATCH OUT!
RUN FOR IT!

sfx: whoww
sfx: crash
WH—
NOW DO YOU GET IT?
SHE ISN'T THE SHINOHARA THAT YOU KNEW ANY-MORE——
AH!
Slither
Slither
Slither
Slither
SHE'S A TSUMI-TSUKI.

YOU...
AREN'T EVEN "HUMAN" ...!
WOW,
SO SHE'S STILL GOT SOME MIND LEFT...?
WHAT IS THIS...
TAKADA, STAY BACK...
twip
WHAT'S GOING ON?
snip
crack

STAY AWAY !!
YOUR POWER WON'T WORK AGAINST ME!
— DIE.

STOP IT!
UH..
THUD
AH..
PLEASE
ENOUGH ALREADY.

SHE'S A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE!
PLEASE!
...N...

...
YOU CAN'T SAVE HER ANYMORE

WE... AREN'T ...
FRIENDS.

SHINO.
NO...

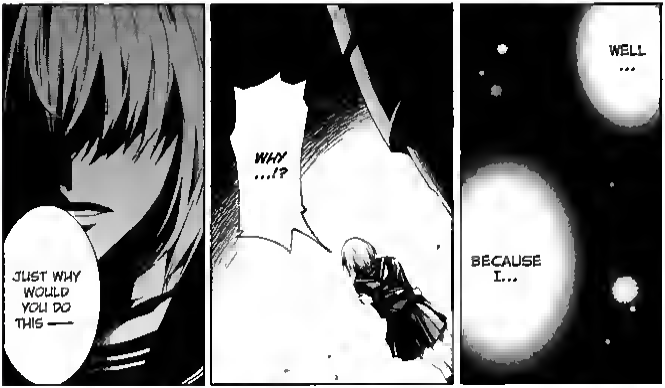
I NEVER... THOUGHT OF YOU AS ONE.
WE AREN'T FRIENDS!

AH...
THERE'S NO WAY FOR HUMANS POSSESSED BY TSUMITSUKI TO RETURN TO NORMAL.
SNAP
AGH...
SNAP
...I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE HER.
BESIDES,
I'M A SPIRIT WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS TO KILL TSUMITSUKI.
IF WE LEAVE HER LIKE THIS,
SHE'LL BE IN AGONY AS HER BODY AND MIND ARE EATEN AWAY, UNABLE TO FIND PEACE...
AND THE TSUMITSUKI THAT'S OBTAINED HER BODY WILL ATTACK PEOPLE
YOU CHOOSE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HER—?

HE SWUNG HIS RIGHT ARM DOWN,
AND SHE WAS SWALLOWED UP IN AN INSTANT—
FWOOSH
SAVE HER—
PLEASE—
DO IT...
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN SOME?
...KUROE.
THIS WAY...
WAS BETTER, RIGHT...?

REALLY, YOU HUMANS ...
...A YEAR AGO, SHINOHARA ASKED ME THE SAME THING.
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT YET?
LAST YEAR, SHE FOLLOWED THE EXACT SAME PATH AS YOU,
AND FACED THE SAME CHOICE AS YOU.
THE ONE WHO KILLED HER MISSING FRIEND...
WAS ME.

SHE MADE A POINT OF SAYING YOU WERE NEVER FRIENDS...?
WHY DO YOU THINK...


JUST WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS ——
WHY ...!?
BECAUSE I...
WELL ...

THAT'S WHY I CULTIVATE YOU LIKE THIS.
I'D BE IN TROUBLE IF I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FOOD, YOU KNOW...?

— WE'LL MEET AGAIN...
WHEN THE BURDEN OF YOUR SIN HAS GROWN DEEP——
SLITHER
Chapter 1 — End

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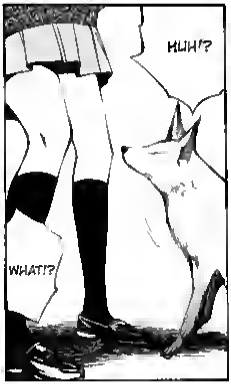
Chapter 2
Mochizuki Miki

HAA!
rush
rush
HAA...!
rush
rush
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!

UH...
six thud
AH...!
AHH...
SOMEONE HELP ME...
WHAM
NOOO OOOO!

whine
whine

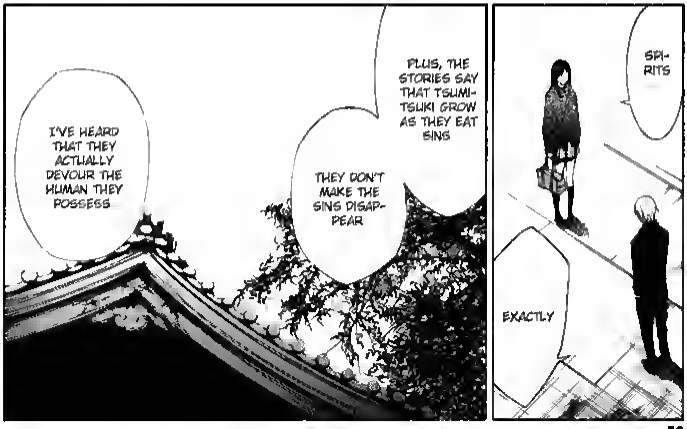
A... FOX?
AH, ANOTHER ONE


HUH!?
WHAT!?

WE'VE HAD A LOT OF KIDS VISITING THIS SHRINE LATELY.
...ARE YOU THE SAME?
HERE ABOUT THE RUMOR...
...RUMOR?
THERE'S A RUMOR THAT AT THIS SHRINE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
A GOD THAT EATS SINS IS WORSHIPPED.
OH? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, MIKI?
SINS... YOU MEAN LIKE DOING PENANCE AT CHURCH?
I HEAR? THAT THE GOD SWALLOWS AND DISSIPATES ... THE FEELINGS OF GUILT A PERSON HAS... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

IT'S A RUMOR
THERE'S NO GOD THAT CONVENIENT HERE
THEN THAT RUMOR REALLY IS

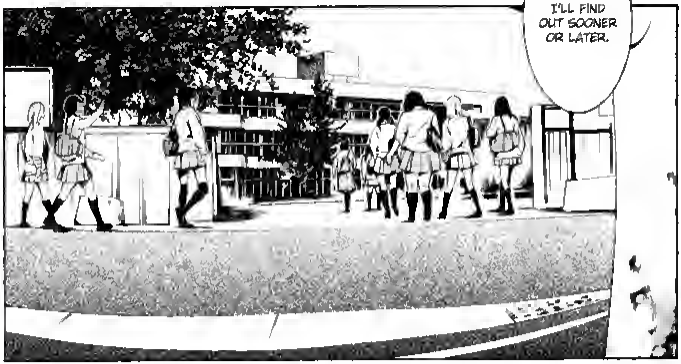
WHAT'S ENSHRINED HERE ARE THE TSUMI-TSUKI
WHICH ARE SUPPOSEDLY DEMONS THAT LIVE OFF OF PEOPLE'S GUILT.
THEY'RE CLOSER TO SPIRITS OR MONSTERS THAN GODS


I'VE HEARD THAT THEY ACTUALLY DEVOUR THE HUMAN THEY POSSESS
THEY DON'T MAKE THE SINS DISAP-PEAR
PLUS, THE STORIES SAY THAT TSUMI-TSUKI GROW AS THEY EAT SINS
SPI-RITS
EXACTLY

IT'S FINE,
IF COMING HERE HELPS THEM FEEL BETTER...
IS THAT SO.
LATELY A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMING HERE WITH THE WRONG IDEA
...HAVE YOU ALSO...
COMMITTED A SIN YOU'D LIKE TO BE FORGIVEN FOR?

THAT GUY... IS KIND OF CREEPY...
clack
WELL THEN I'LL BE OFF—
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT STARTED THE RUMOR AREN'T YOU, KUROE?
YOUR SCHEMES ARE AS INTRICATE AS EVER
HMPH.
...WELL, YEAH
AND THAT GIRL—
YOU THINK SHE'S A TSUMI-TSUKI?

I DON'T KNOW
BUT...
HMM...


I'LL FIND OUT SOONER OR LATER.

YUMI
MORNING MIKU!

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'VE LOOKED DOWN ALL MORNING.
OH HAVE I?
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY...
GOOD MORNING, MR. KASUGA!!
YEP, MORNING
YOUR TIE'S ALL CROOKED WANT ME TO FIX IT FOR YOU?
WOULD YOU MIND?
MR KASUGA IS GETTING BOMBARDED AGAIN THIS MORNING
THOSE GIRLS HAVE BEEN FLIRTING WITH HIM ALL THE TIME LATELY, IT'S GROSS—
WELL, HE SHOULD PUT THEM OFF A LITTLE, TOO
GOOD MORNING MOCHIZUKI
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK PALE
MAKE SURE TO EAT BREAKFAST—
CLICK

WAIT UP, MIKI!
MIKI!
HUH?
WAIT... MIKI!?
AND YOU EVEN WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO SAY HELLO
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'D IGNORE YOU
WAIT, WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
IS SHE FOR REAL?
.....

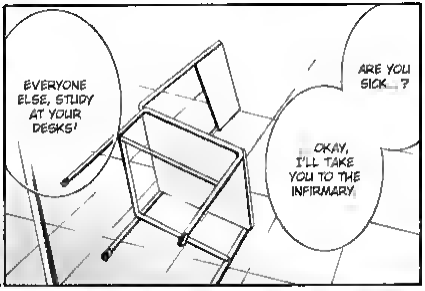
MR KASUGAI YOUR NECKTIE IS CROOKED AGAIN...
WHAT, REALLY !?
FUMU
SO THEN, NEXT YOU —
— THEN YOU DO THIS
THIS IS IMPORTANT, SO DON'T FORGET
2 — B
MR. KASUGAI...
ahahaha
ah?
I SAID I'D FIX IT FOR YOU —
...
T.R.O.B

IT HURTS.
WHAT IS THIS... MY STOM-ACH...
IT HURTS...
IT HURTS!
BDUMP
Crash
...MIKI?
MIKI!?

tap
WHAT'S WRONG, MOCHI-ZUKI?
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
UH...

MIKI!
MIKI, PULL IT TO-GETHER!
chatter
chatter

CAN YOU WALK MOCHI-ZUKI?
HERE, HOLD ON TO ME.

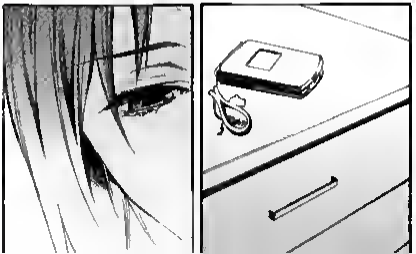

EVERYONE ELSE, STUDY AT YOUR DESKS!
ARE YOU SICK...?
...OKAY, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE INFIRMARY.

MR KASUGAI ...?

IT'S FINE, JUST TELL ME.
BUT, MR. KASUGAI...
IT'S YOUR SEVENTEENTH BIRTHDAY.
LISTEN, JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE.
...THEN...
THAT ONE.
I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY THAT.
WHAT I REALLY WANTED WAS A RING, BUT...
I...
DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY HIM—
THE STRAP? OUT OF ALL THESE?
THIS IS FINE.
REALLY? I THOUGHT YOU'D GO FOR A DIFFERENT ACCESSORY. YOU REALLY ARE A STRANGE ONE, MOCHIZUKI.

.....
WHERE ...?

THE NURSE'S OFFICE...?
THAT'S RIGHT, MY STOMACH HURT AND I FAINTED.



I HAVE TO GET BACK TO CLASS ...
MOCHIZUKI, ARE YOU OKAY?
SUDOU?
OUR TEACHER...
SAID THAT IF YOU'RE SICK, YOU SHOULD TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF
SO HERE'S YOUR BAG
AH, I'M FINE. I'LL HEAD BACK.
OH, REALLY?
klop
BUT I'VE ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT YOU WENT HOME
IT'LL BE A PAIN FOR US IF YOU SHOW UP IN CLASS
SO YOU SHOULD JUST GO HOME ALREADY

BUT LATELY IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS HAVE CHANGED
DID HE BRUSH YOU OFF OR SOMETHING?
HUH...?
YOU KNOW, MOCHIZUKI—
YOU WERE ON GOOD TERMS WITH MR KASUGAI ALL THROUGH FIRST SEMESTER, RIGHT?
I—
SO—
WOULD YOU QUIT TRYING TO FORCE YOURSELF ON HIM?
IT'S DISGUSTING.
JUST BECAUSE MR KASUGAI WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT YOU..
DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF,
YOU UGLY BITCH.

YOU'RE UP AND WALKING ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
I'M SORRY I HAVE TO GO HOME.
HUH?
MIKI!
MIKI?

rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
THE SHRINE...?
WHY DID I COME HERE...?
HUH...?

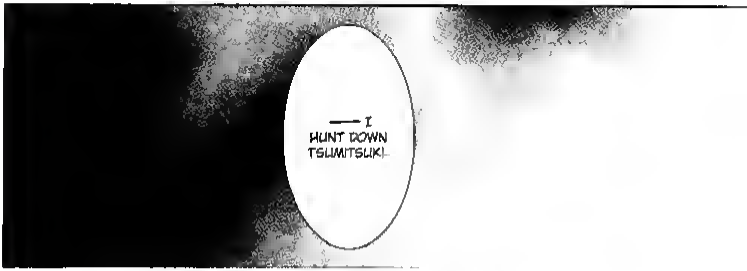
EVENING
...!
I CALLED YOU HERE BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
...YOU'RE FROM BACK THEN...
AT YOUR SCHOOL...
THERE WAS A GIRL WHO WAS ATTACKED ON THE STREET

AHH
SOME-ONE HELP ME...
SHE WAS ATTACKED AND SEVERELY INJURED ON HER WAY HOME...AND IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL...
WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THE VICTIM'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE EVENT...
ATTACKED...?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW? WELL, YOU GUYS WEREN'T IN THE SAME CLASS...
rustle
SHE SAID SHE WAS ATTACKED BY A MON-STER.
INTER-ESTING, ISN'T IT?
...?
SO... WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK ME...?
IT SEEMS LIKE THE GIRL WHO WAS AT-TACKED...
WAS ONE OF THE GIRLS WHO FOLLOWED A CERTAIN TEACHER AROUND.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

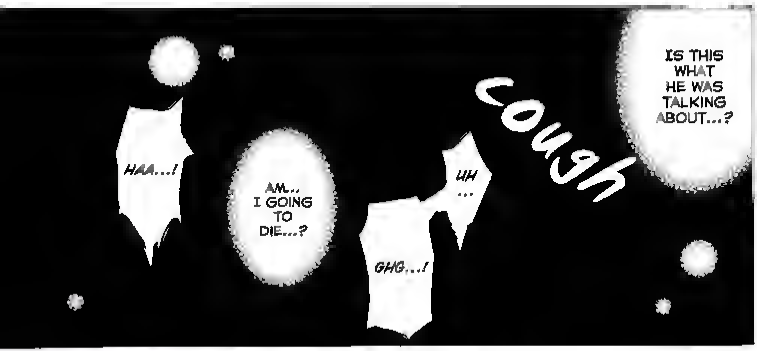
.....
YOU SUSPECT THAT I DID IT...?
I HEARD YOU USED TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH THAT TEACHER...
AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE STILL HARASSING YOU EVEN NOW, ISN'T THAT RIGHT..?
THERE'S ONE MORE THING
YOU KNOW THOSE TSUMITSUKI I TOLD YOU ABOUT BEFORE —
THE WAY I SEE IT, ONE OF THOSE THINGS MUST ALREADY BE EATING ITS WAY INTO THE SINNER.
HAS ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR BODY CHANGED RECENTLY —?

ARE YOU ...?
...
JUST WHO

I'M KUROE.


—— I HUNT DOWN TSUMITSUKI.

—... UH!
AGAIN. WHY...?
WAS THAT...
A DREAM?
OW...!
hurts


IS THIS WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT...?
cough
HAA...!
AM... I GOING TO DIE...?
UH...
GHG...!

—BUT I CAN'T. I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK HIM.
I'M SURE THIS IS RETRIBUTION.
HELP ME, MR. KASUGAI...
IT HURTS...
BDMP
BDMP

IS
THIS MY
SIN...?

HEY. ARE YOU LISTENING?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL THEN ——
rustle
rustle
rustle
—HUH?

FWSH
—UH!
wham

clatter
chatter
chatter
MIKI!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW BUT I HEARD THE SAME HAPPENED TO SOMEONE FROM CLASS B
HOW?
IT CAN'T BE!

MORNING!
IT'S ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED!
...WHAT?
I HEARD SHE WAS HIT FROM BEHIND,
AND IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS...
AND THERE'S SOMEONE FROM CLASS B WHO WAS ATTACKED AS WELL.
LAST NIGHT SUDOU WAS ATTACKED!
SEEMS SHE WAS MUGGED WHILE SHE WAS OUT WALKING
THAT'S...
...?
MIKI...?
JUST LIKE WHAT THAT GUY SAID...
...NO.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
NO!!

Mr Kasugai
Will you come to the student guidance room today after class? I'll be waiting.
A TEXT ...?
MR. KASU-GAI...?
MR. KASUGAI?
...
clatter
Guidance

...MOCHI-ZUKI?
COME IN.

LAST NIGHT.
THERE WAS A STUDENT WHO SAW WHAT YOU DID.

MOCHI-ZUKI.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING LAST NIGHT?

...HUH?
SUDOU AND THAT OTHER GIRL WHO WAS ATTACKED WAS THAT YOU?

...IT COULDN'T
YUMI ...?

WHY?
WHY WOULD YOU...?
WHY...?
...BECAUSE YOU STOLE MR. KASUGAI, MIKI.
HEY, DID YOU KNOW?
EXCEPT FOR ME,
HE'S HAD HIS HANDS ON ALL THOSE FOLLOWERS OF HIS...
HEY.
TALK ABOUT TWO-TIMING IT...
SLIDE
slither
—THAT'S WHY I FIGURED...

SLASH
!!?
IT'D BE NICE IF EVERYONE WAS GONE
SLASH
AAAHH!
!!
YUMI ..?
THAT'S WHY I TOOK DOWN THOSE TWO
AAAH!
YOU'RE THE LAST, MIKI.
HAAA
HAA
WHAT ARE YOU!?
WHAT IS THAT!?

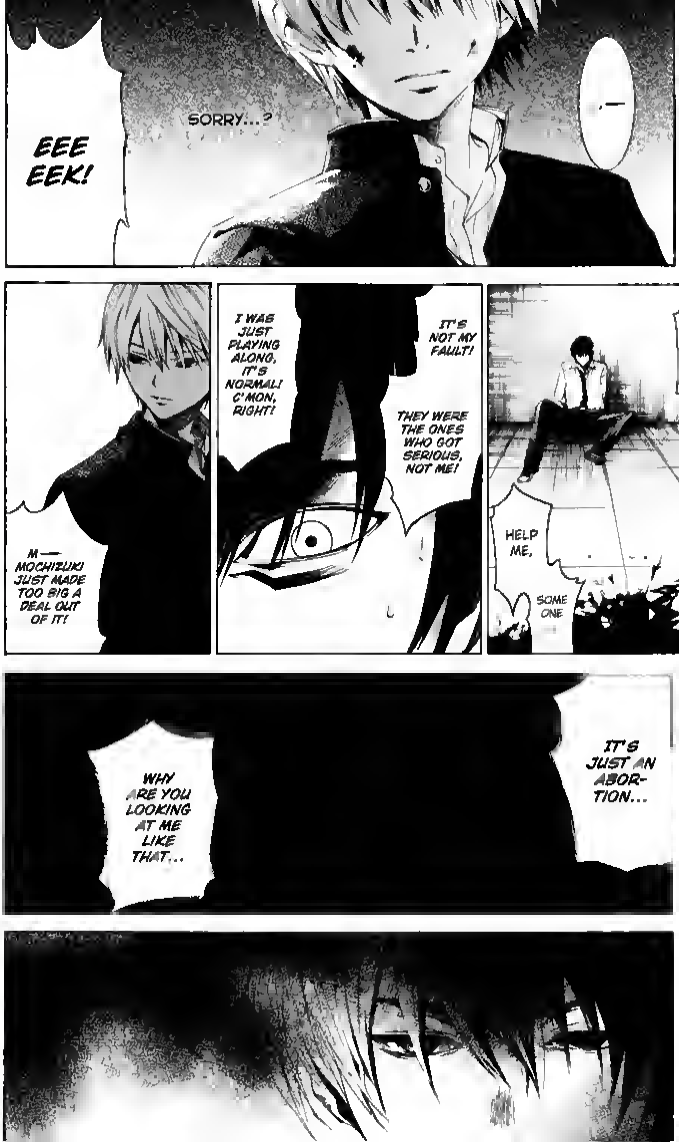
.....
WILL YOU BETRAY ME TOO, MR. KAGUGAI ...?
SNIP
WHAT THE HELL!?
EEE!
!
Hyuuuu
Hyuuuu
Hyuuuu

shu shu shu
.WHAT THE.
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR!?

SWSH
I'M WONDERING THE SAME THING...
SPLAT

...WILL I ALSO BECOME A MONSTER...?
crack
snap
"HUMANS WHO ARE POSSESSED BY A TSUMITSUKI ARE DEVOURED THROUGH TO THEIR VERY SOUL AND BECOME DEMONS."
"YOU'RE BEYOND SAVING."
THAT BOY STOOD RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME,
AND TOLD ME THIS.
...WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, YUMI WAS GONE.
I DON'T... WANT THAT...
LET ME DIE...

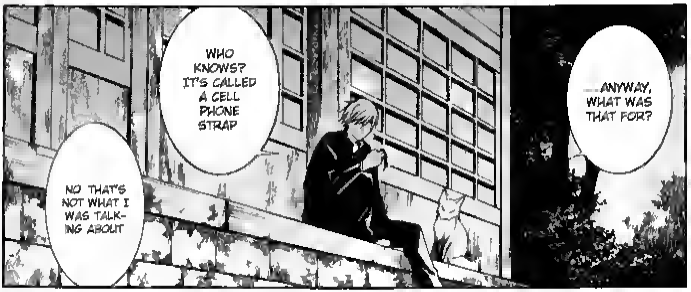
AH...
THIS IS MY PUNISH-MENT.
wham
I'M...
SOR... RY


EEE EEK!
SORRY...?
...!
M— MOCHIZUKI JUST MADE TOO BIG A DEAL OUT OF IT!
I WAS JUST PLAYING ALONG. IT'S NORMAL! C'MON, RIGHT!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
THEY WERE THE ONES WHO GOT SERIOUS, NOT ME!
H— HELP ME!
HELP ME,
SOME ONE
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...
IT'S JUST AN ABOR- TION...

NOT MINE.
IT WAS THEIR FAULT.
SHE WAS PREG-NANT...
shock
clack
EEK!
...YOU...
SHUT UP.

—I SEE, YOU ATE TWO OF THEM.

...HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING?
KUROE
—AND WHAT ABOUT THAT TEACHER?


WHO KNOWS? IT'S CALLED A CELL PHONE STRAP
NO THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TALK-ING ABOUT
—ANYWAY, WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

ONE OF THEM EVEN CHANGED INTO A SPIDER OUT OF JEALOUSY
BUT YOU PROTECTED THAT GUY...!
YOU DIDN'T DETEST HIM AT ALL?
THAT'S ALL...
WHAT AN IDIOT.
THE SIN SHE CARRIED MUST HAVE GROWN HEAVY INDEED
SHE LOST IT BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T ENDURE IT ANYMORE.
AH... HEY.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE *NEXT ONE* IS HERE.

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Chapter 3

Asakura Makoto

Tsumitsuki

—Sin Dwellers—

SSSSK
—OH.
flap
IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE..
IF I DON'T HURRY, I MIGHT NOT MAKE THE BUS..
?
...THERE'S SOMEONE STILL HERE.

THAT GUY...
HE'S IN MY CLASS—
SSSSSSK
WHAT'S THAT—

SSSSSX
wham

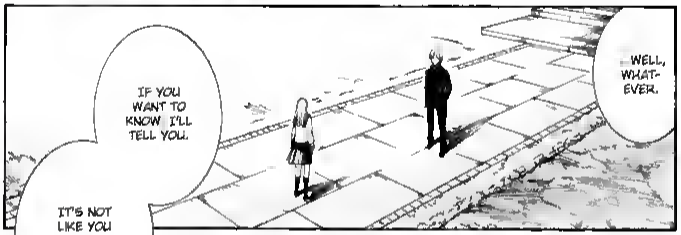
KUROE...?
—— HUH?
MAKOTO,
NO ONE'S BEEN USING THAT SEAT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE'S IN OUR CLASS
WHO'S THAT?
...
He has a narrow face.
HE HAD THE WINDOW SEAT...
...AND IT WASN'T JUST HIM.
SSSSSSK
ALL THE STUDENTS I SAW BACK THEN WERE GONE LIKE THEY'D NEVER BEEN.
YEAH. I DON'T LIKE CREEPY STUFF—
QUIT IT. DON'T SAY WEIRD STUFF LIKE THAT.
—NO ONE REMEMBERS HIM...?

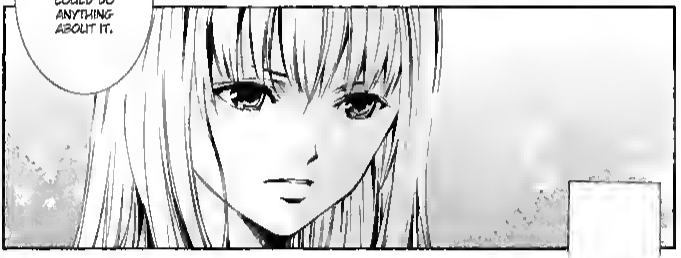
...IT'S COMPLETELY UNBELIEVABLE.
BUT I SAW IT.
HE WAS THERE YESTERDAY, BEHIND THE SCHOOL...
SHIVER
I HAVE TO KNOW FOR SURE...
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY——

crunch
crunch
ACCORDING TO THE STUDENT INFORMATION THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND,
HE SHOULD LIVE AROUND HERE.
HM..
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
UH YAHU!?
—UH!
HUH?
shocked and confused
AH!
AAAAH!
WELL, THAT'S NEW.
No one's ever reacted like that before.

I CAME TO SEE YOU...
KUROE...
AH...
——I SEE
SO YOU CAME OUT HERE TO SEE ME——
YOU'RE——ASAKURA, RIGHT?
——WEREN'T YOU SCARED?

W...
WELL...
NORMALLY YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH SCARY THINGS, RIGHT?
...SINCE YOU SAW THAT YOU KNOW.


IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU.
...WELL, WHATEVER.

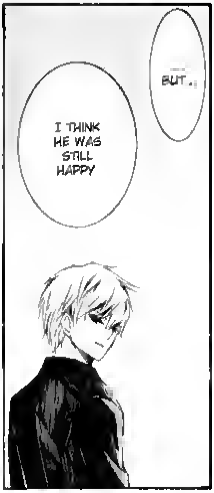

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

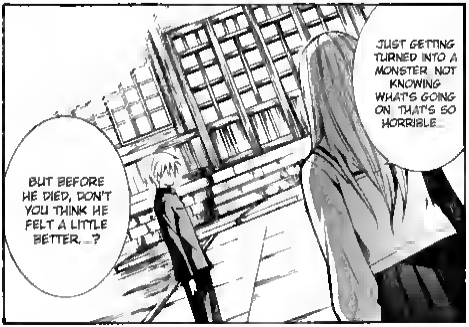
—TSUMI-TSUKI.
HE TOLD ME A STORY ABOUT THOSE SPIRITS.
...BEFORE THOSE THINGS COMPLETELY AWAKEN WITHIN THE HUMAN THEY POSSESS.
IT'S HIS DUTY TO HUNT THEM DOWN.

THEN...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE STUDENTS ON THE GROUND?
DID YOU DO THAT TO THEM?
——— THE TSUMITSUKI DID IT.
...NO,
ACTUALLY, IT WAS THE WILL OF THE GUY WHO WAS POSSESSED.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE WAS BRUTALLY BULLIED BY HIS CLASS-MATES.
HE SAID, "IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL OF YOU THAT I'VE TURNED INTO THIS."
AFTER HE TRANSFORMED INTO A MON-STER, HE KILLED ALL HIS CLASSMATES
THAT WERE THERE

WHILE HE STILL HAD SOME OF HIS OWN WILL LEFT, HE WENT ALONG WITH IT AND TOOK REVENGE
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
HUMANS WHO BECOME TSUMITSUKI ARE BEYOND SAVING

SINCE HE GOT HIS REVENGE...


...BUT...
I THINK HE WAS STILL HAPPY


JUST GETTING TURNED INTO A MONSTER, NOT KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON, THAT'S SO HORRIBLE...
BUT BEFORE HE DIED, DON'T YOU THINK HE FELT A LITTLE BETTER...?

WHAT...
DID YOU COME HERE TO FIND OUT?

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME...
HOW TO BECOME A TSUMI-TSUKI —

THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT TO KILL ——

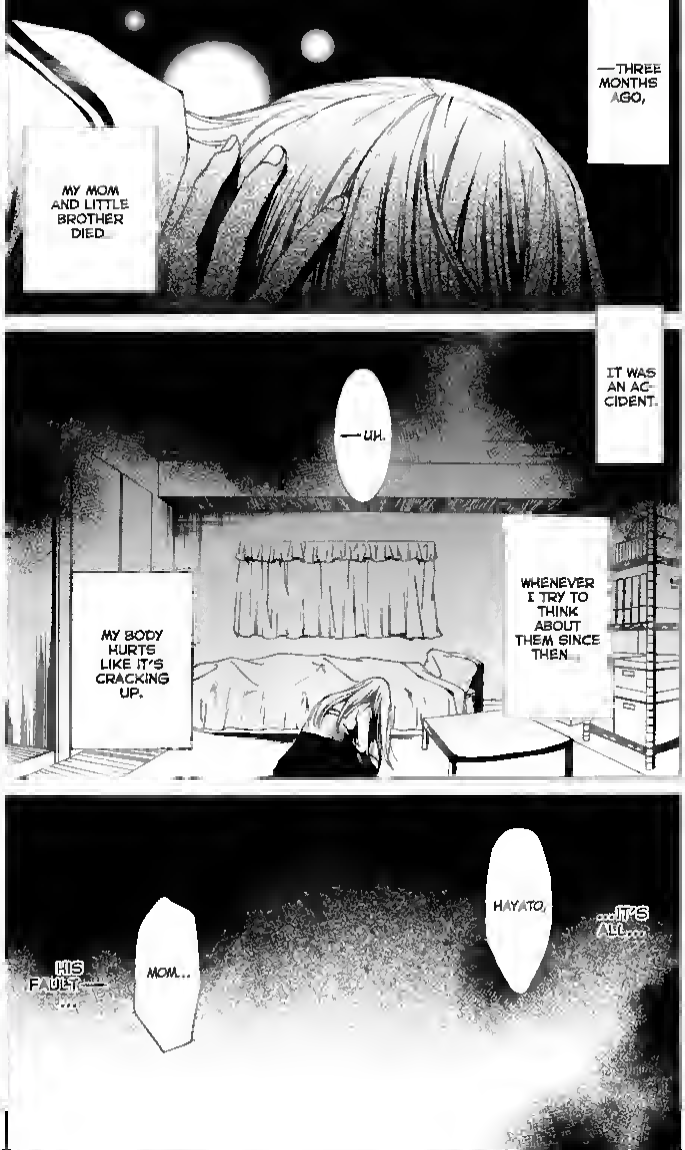
TO WANT POWER, KNOWING IT WILL KILL HER AND TURN HER INTO A MONSTER...
SHE REALLY HAS SOME AMAZING HATRED IN HER...
KUROE
INTERESTING GIRL

SO WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HER?
—— KUROE.
...NO REASON.
THAT'S TRUE.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT BARRIER YOU PUT UP...
WHY IS IT THAT IT WAS INEFFECTIVE ON HER?
SOMEONE WANTING IT, IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M USED TO
—— MY SPELLS ARE ONLY EFFECTIVE ON WEAK HUMANS
MAYBE THAT GIRL IS NATURALLY LIKE THAT...
—— I SEE
KUROE ...?

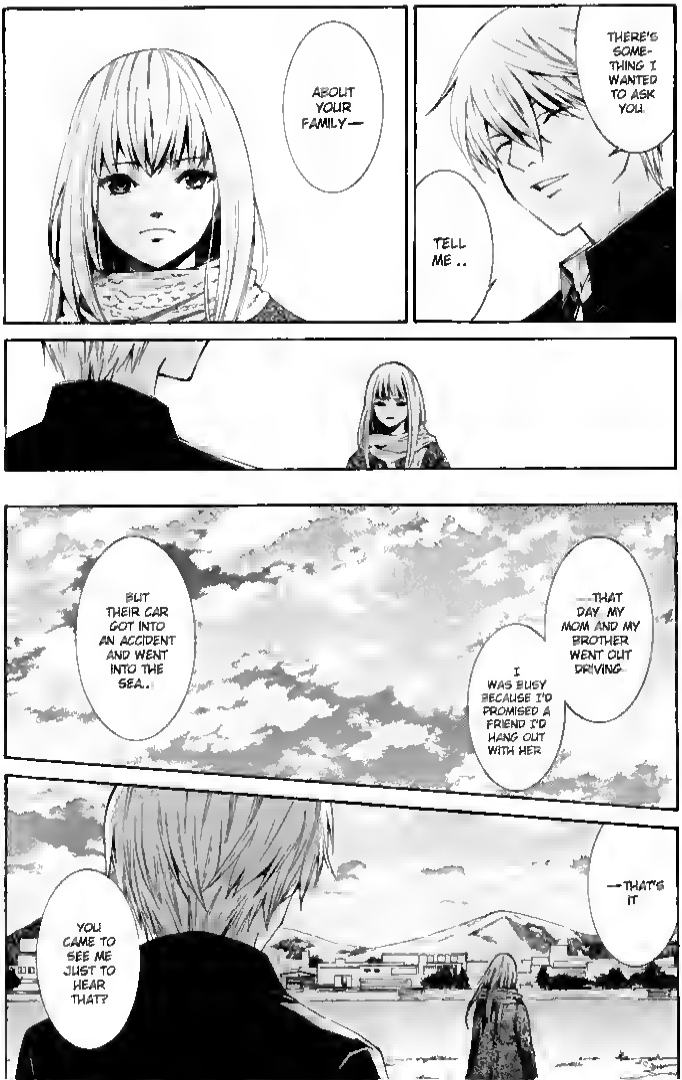
clack
!
THESE SHOES...
MAKOTO.
...YOU'RE HOME PRETTY LATE, AREN'T YOU?
fwip

...DAD...
WHY ARE YOU HERE. .?
I'VE LEFT YOU TONS OF MESSAGES ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE
I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU'RE IN PAIN OVER WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHER, BUT...
I JUST CAN'T LET YOU LIVE BY YOUR-SELF YET...
COME LIVE WITH ME.
...GO HOME
GO HOME!

GO HOME!
...I'LL CALL YOU SOON.
THROB
UH...


—THREE MONTHS AGO,
MY MOM AND LITTLE BROTHER DIED...
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
—UH.
MY BODY HURTS LIKE IT'S CRACKING UP.
WHENEVER I TRY TO THINK ABOUT THEM SINCE THEN...
HAYATO,
...IT'S ALL...
MOM...
HIS FAULT —
...

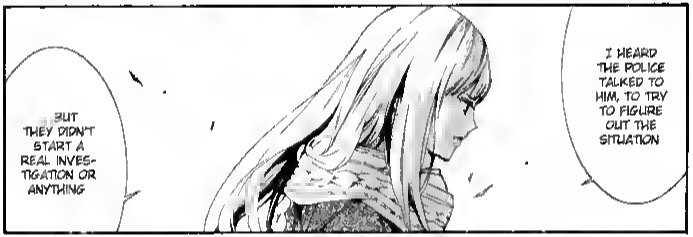
ASAKURA
BUMP
MORNING
shock
WH—
W...A... AAAAA!?
HUH? WHAT IS IT?
QUIT APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE!!
OH, GOT IT


THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU.
TELL ME..
ABOUT YOUR FAMILY—
—THAT DAY, MY MOM AND MY BROTHER WENT OUT DRIVING—
I WAS BUSY BECAUSE I'D PROMISED A FRIEND I'D HANG OUT WITH HER
BUT THEIR CAR GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT AND WENT INTO THE SEA..
—THAT'S IT
YOU CAME TO SEE ME JUST TO HEAR THAT?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DAD...?
...HE'S BUSY AT WORK, SO HE HARDLY EVER COMES HOME
FORGET ABOUT HIM PAYING ATTENTION TO ME...
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH HIM FOR YEARS
I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF HIM AS MY FATHER——
...YOU HATE HIM.
I...
SAW THEM...

THE SCARS ON HAYATO'S BODY...
AFTER HE DIED—...

THERE WERE CUTS AND BRUISES ALL OVER HIS BODY...
THE DOCTOR... SAID THEY WEREN'T FROM THE ACCIDENT THAT THEY'D HAPPENED BEFORE...


I HEARD THE POLICE TALKED TO HIM, TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT THE SITUATION
...BUT THEY DIDN'T START A REAL INVES-TIGATION OR ANYTHING

BECAUSE HE...
WAS ALREADY DEAD——
I BET HE FEELS SO RELIEVED RIGHT NOW...

—HE DID IT.
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL FORGIVE HIM.
.....
I CAN HEAR THEM.
...
SO HE'S THE ONE YOU WANT TO KILL...

WHEN I THINK ABOUT...
MY MOM AND MY BROTHER...
THEY'RE CRYING OUT.
I CAN HEAR...
THEIR "VOICES", AND THEY'RE SO AFRAID...
IT'S AS IF...
"SAVE ME!"
ASAKURA?
UH...
...
IT'S NOTHING...
IT'LL PASS IN A MOMENT...
Slip
DOES...
YOUR CHEST HURT?

I MEAN.
IT'S STRANGE RIGHT?
YEAH. A LITTLE
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ACTUALLY HURT AT ALL.
HAA..!
HAA..!

WHY IS THIS...!
IT HURTS.
IT HURTS.
STOP ALREADY!
HAAA
I DON'T FEEL GOOD
MY BODY HURTS ALL OVER, AND I CAN'T MOVE...
HAA...!
IS SHE A TSUMI-TSUKI?
THAT GIRL
SHE'D HAVE TO BE IF YOU'RE PAYING THAT MUCH ATTENTION TO HER
SWISH
YOU WERE LISTEN-ING?
DON'T GLARE AT ME. THIS IS ALSO PART OF MY JOB.

SHE SAID HER BROTHER'S BODY WAS COVERED IN BRUISES.
BUT HER FATHER WAS NEVER AT HOME.
COULD HE EVEN HAVE ABUSED THE BOY SO ROUTINELY ...?
DON'T YOU THINK HER STORY IS OFF?
OH?
!
MAKOTO...?
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG, MAKOTO ...!
.....
—PLUS

...AH.
THOSE SCARS...
MAKOTO, YOU.
AH.
—— SHE HAD A HUGE BURN.
AHH!
SHE COULDN'T SEE IT.
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE IT, SO SHE TRIED TO CONVINCE HERSELF THAT SHE DIDN'T.
AAH!
AAH!

I'M SORRY!
Sorry!
SORRY
PLEASE...
DON'T BE MAD AT ME...
...IT HURTS.
I DON'T WANT IT TO HURT ANYMORE.
throb
throb
...I'M AFRAID.
...MAKOTO...?

STOP ALREADY
WHY DO I HAVE TO HURT LIKE THIS...?
THE ONE THAT ABUSED THOSE TWO...
ARE THE WORDS THAT CURSED ME.
...IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
JUST REMEM-BER...
IT'S ALL HIS FAULT—
THOSE ...
WAS THEIR MOTHER.

I REMEMBER.
...THAT'S RIGHT...
I FINALLY UNDER STAND
THOSE "VOICES".

HE WAS BEGGING MOM AND I...
HAYATO WAS CRYING OUT ——

I DECIDED THAT ALL OF IT "WASN'T HAPPENING".
WHEN HAYATO WAS BORN AND MY MOTHER STARTED ABUSING HIM INSTEAD OF ME...
—— EVEN THOUGH I KNEW...
THAT OUR GENTLE MOTHER COULD NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF...
I COVERED IT ALL UP,
AND CLOSED THE LID.
EVEN THOUGH I SHOULD HAVE HEARD HIM CRYING FOR HELP.
—IN ORDER TO PROTECT MYSELF,

AH...
——...
EVEN MY DAD...
I——
——ASAKURA MAKOTO.

FWSH
KUROE?
—WHY...?
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?
.....

—...
YOU KNOW ...
MY DAD...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I'M ALREADY ...
—THIS SOUND...
—I CAN HEAR IT AGAIN.
HE NEVER KNEW...
HE WAS SORRY...
THAT'S ...
WHAT HE SAID.

—I REMEMBER...
HOW HE LOOKED WHEN I SAW HIM BEHIND THE SCHOOL BACK THEN
I WASN'T AFRAID OF HIM
...BUT...
HE HAD HIS BACK TO ME. AND HE LOOKED ...
GOOD NIGHT —
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER ANY-MORE.
THE SOUND OF ME BREAKING APART —

SO VERY, VERY SAD.
TRICKING YOURSELF AND HOLDING IT ALL IN...
AND CRYING WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING.
LIKE I DID WHEN I WAS A CHILD.

—— IT WAS AWFUL.
I'M SORRY.

—— THANK YOU.

GOOD WORK.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT TURNED OUT WELL.
...
WHEN MY RIGHT ARM ATE HER...
HER MEMORIES FLOWED INTO ME.
—THAT'S THE WORST FEELING.
KUROE ...?

bdmp

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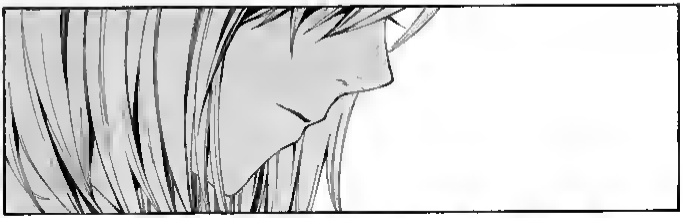
I Sui it Suki

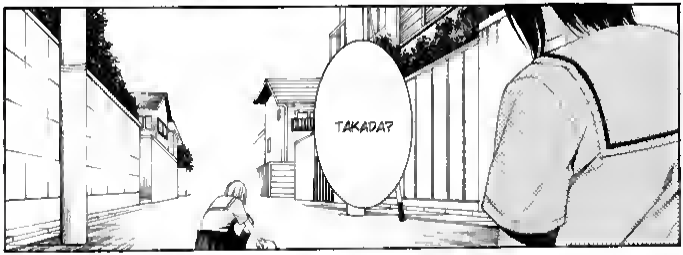
...SO? WHAT DO YOU THINK, KUROE?
...HER ORGANS WERE TORN APART AND DEVOURED.
THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN WOULD KILL LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
MEAN-ING...
YES...
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
drip
drop
IT'S A TSUMITSUKI.

Chapter 4

Takada Chinatsu



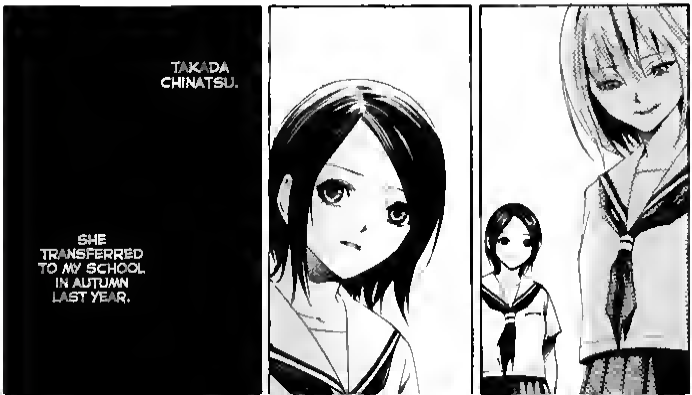

TAKADA?

!
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU

YOU'RE TAKADA, RIGHT?
—— TAKADA CHINATSU

DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
I'M KIRISHIMA KOYUMI FROM CLASS 1.
.....
OH... THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU DON'T REALLY COME TO SCHOOL MUCH.
THAT CAT...
mew
mew
IS IT YOURS...?
—NO.
THERE WAS A DEAD CAT IN THE ROAD UP AHEAD.
THIS GUY WAS NEXT TO IT, AND WOULDN'T STOP MEWING. THAT WAS PROBABLY HIS MOTHER.
THERE ARE A LOT OF STRAY CATS AROUND HERE, TOO. THIS GUY WILL ALSO WIND UP DEAD SOON.
OH NO...

flop
mew
mew
I'M NOT PLANNING ON TAKING HIM HOME.
HE'S SO SMALL, AND DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SURVIVE...
SO IT'S HIS FATE TO DIE.


TAKADA CHINATSU.
SHE TRANSFERRED TO MY SCHOOL IN AUTUMN LAST YEAR.

SHE WAS CHEERFUL AND POPULAR IN CLASS...
THAT'S THE IMAGE I HAVE OF HER WHEN I THINK BACK.
I LIVE IN A SMALL RURAL TOWN...
SO EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS IN A DIFFERENT CLASS, I HEARD ABOUT HER.
BUT NOW——
..TAKADA
I NEVER SEE HER TALK TO ANYONE...
YOU'RE FROM YESTERDAY...

WE HAVE CHEMISTRY NEXT, AND WE HAVE TO GO TO THE LAB
—I KNOW
...SO WHAT?
clack
"SO WHAT"...
I THOUGHT WE COULD... AH!
TAKADA!
WAIT UP.
TAKADA!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE,
TAKADA.
KUROE
...

TAKADA?
IS YOUR NEXT TROPHY.
GOING TO BE HER...?
fump
!?
TAKADA!?
—UH

...—

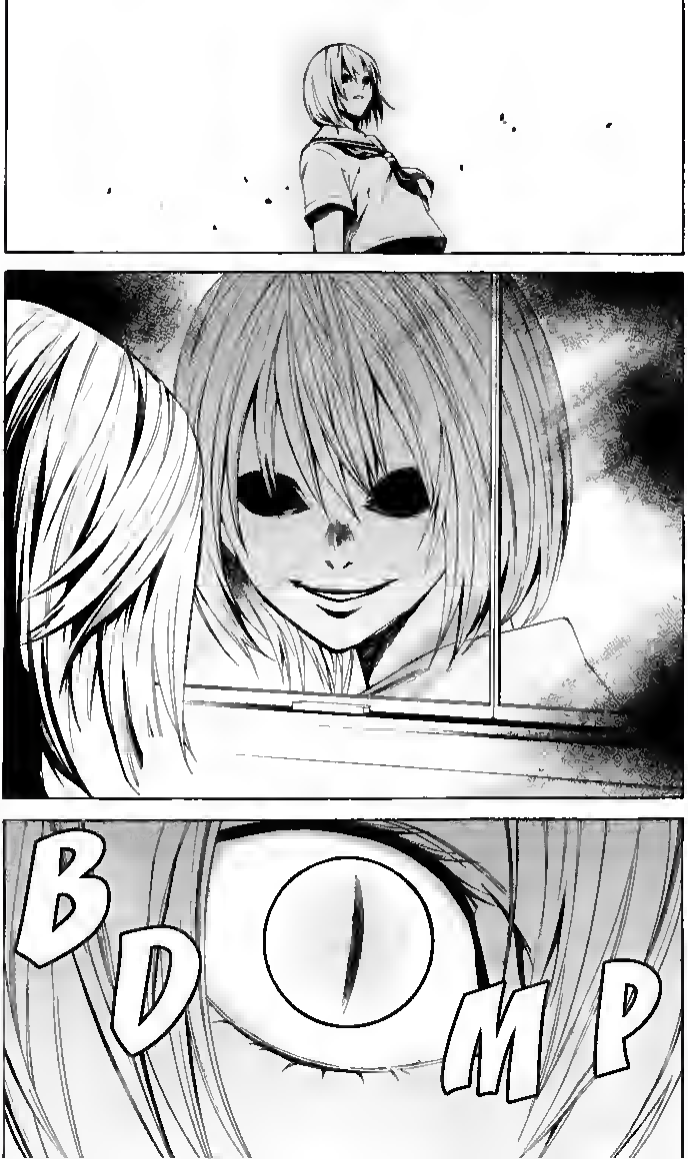
...WHAT...

TAKADA, ARE YOU OKAY...?
IF YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD, MAYBE YOU SHOULD LEAVE EARLY.
...I'M FINE. I JUST GOT A LITTLE DIZZY...
THANKS.

U, UM, .
THAT BOY WE PASSED BY EARLIER JUST VANISHED RIGHT AFTER...
—— DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
...KIRISHIMA, YOU WERE BORN HERE, RIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LEGEND OF THE SPIRITS CALLED TSUMI-TSUKURI...?
...TSUMITSUKI?
NOT REALLY
BUT IF I ASKED MY GRANDMA, SHE MIGHT KNOW...
THEY TAKE ROOT IN A PERSON'S GUILT AND NEST THERE
THEY'RE SPIRITS THAT EAT AWAY AT THEIR HOST'S BODY AND TRANSFORM IT INTO SOMETHING GROTESQUE
THEY TURN THEIR HOST'S MIND AND BODY INTO THAT OF A DEMON'S

...I'VE TRIED RESEARCHING IT FOR OVER A YEAR, BUT...
IN THE END, I COULDN'T LEARN ANYTHING BEYOND THAT.
——NOR ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.
I THINK I WILL GO HOME
TELL OUR TEACHER I LEFT
AND THEN, DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO DO WITH ME.
IF YOU DO...
YOU'LL ALSO BECOME UNABLE TO TURN BACK
—— JUST LIKE ME.

HAA
HAA
HAA
IT HURTS.
MY WHOLE BODY ACHES.
NO!
DON'T COME IN!
CHINA-TSU——?
knock knock
ARE YOU IN THERE?
CHI-NATSU?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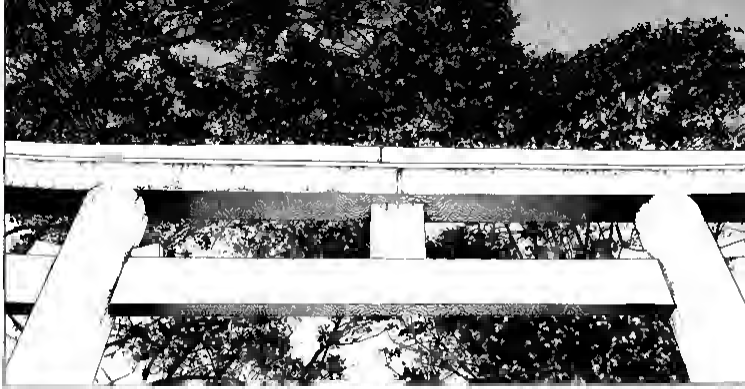
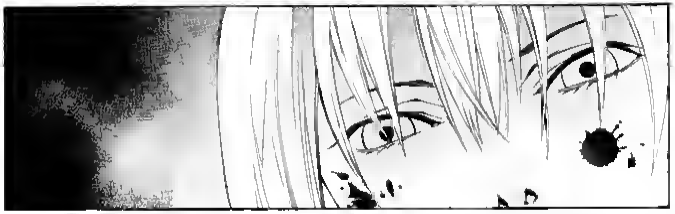


KUROE

YEAH
WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL?
YOU MET HER TODAY, DIDN'T YOU?
SHE LOOKS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN SHE DID A YEAR AGO

— BACK THEN,
SHE COULDN'T SAVE SHINOHARA MAYU.
SHE...
FELT REALLY GUILTY OVER THAT.
EVEN AS SHE LIVES IN FEAR AS HER BODY TRANSFORMS BIT BY BIT,
SOON ENOUGH SHE'LL COMPLETELY LOSE HER SENSE OF SELF...
AND ATTACK PEOPLE.
SHE'S ALREADY...

—— A TSUMI-TSUKI.



EVEN IF IT IS YOU, IF YOU KEEP IGNORING IT LIKE THIS
THINGS WILL GET OUT OF CONTROL

AND HOW MANY VICTIMS HAVE THERE BEEN AL-READY?

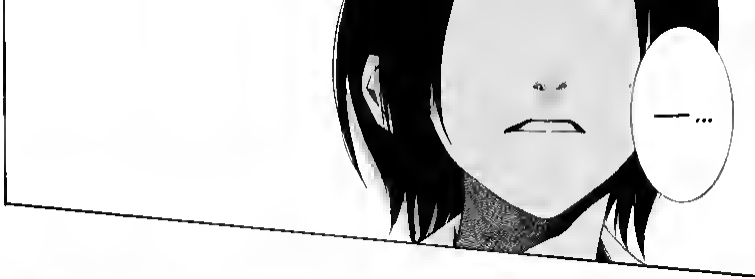
IT IS YOUR DUTY TO HUNT THEM DOWN, KUROE
TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
HUNT THEM WITHOUT REMORSE
IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL...
bamp
bamp
YEAH...
I KNOW...
I KNOW——

HEY, DID YOU SEE THE NEWS THIS MORNING?
IT WAS SAWADA AND KAWAMURA.
FROM CLASS 2?
EVERYONE'S SAYING THAT SAKURAI IS GOING TO BE NEXT...
SINCE SHE'S BEEN GOOD FRIENDS WITH THOSE TWO SINCE LAST YEAR
Chatter
I DID!
I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE THAT THE GIRLS WHO WERE ATTACKED ARE FROM OUR SCHOOL.
THERE'S A SERIAL KILLER!
Chatter
HUH...? BUT DIDN'T THEY SAY THE KILLINGS WERE RANDOM?
...BUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED BEFORE, REMEMBER?
FROM THEIR BAGS AND UNIFORMS THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...
HUH?
YEAH, THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ...HUH?
TAKADA!
GOOD MORNING!

YOU KNOW, I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT CAT...
IT RAN OFF AFTERWARDS RIGHT?
...TAKADA?
HERE, LOOK!
I BOUGHT SOME CAT FOOD AND STUFF THIS MORNING
BUT I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND IT AGAIN TODAY...
WHY...
COULD YOU WAIT THERE FOR ME?
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO AFTER SCHOOL TODAY.
YEAH, SURE.

WHO ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
RUSTLE
IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR THAT GIRL, YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ALREADY

IT'S THE GUY FROM BACK THEN!
...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
THAT THING ISN'T THE TAKADA CHINATSU THAT YOU KNEW ANYMORE.
THOUGH. THAT'S PROBABLY BEEN THE CASE SINCE YOU MET HER
...WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION TO TAKADA?
RUSTLE
— DO YOU KNOW...
ABOUT TSUMITSUKI?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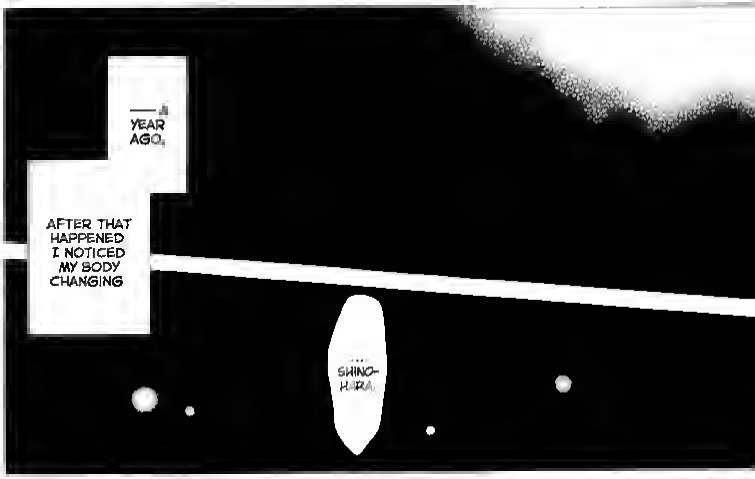

—A YEAR AGO.
AFTER THAT HAPPENED I NOTICED MY BODY CHANGING
...SHINO-HARA.

SHE WAS GONE.
HER BODY HAD TRANSFORMED LIKE MINE, AND SHE WAS KILLED.

THERE'S NO WAY FOR HUMANS POSSESSED BY TSUMITSUKI TO RETURN TO NORMAL.
WHY DID THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
THIS...
THIS NEVER SHOULD HAVE...
TAKADA ...?
AAH...
——LIKE THAT CAT...
AM I ALSO GOING TO DIE LIKE THIS?

...KIRI-
SHIMA?

—Ah!
SHE SAW.
?!
DASH
CRASH

—IT'S OVER.
HH HH HH
stic rustle
I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL ANYMORE.
THAT GUY WILL KILL ME!
RUSTLE
HAA
HAA

HIS——
...IT'S ALL...
HIS FAULT!
rustle
GRUNCH
—LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALREADY ONE HELL OF A MONSTER
JUMPING FROM THE THIRD FLOOR WITHOUT A SCRATCH, HUH.

etc wham
slither
slither
slither
SHUT UP!
...GH!!
I'M NOT THE SAME!

I'M NOT A MONSTER!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW!?
THE TERROR OF YOUR OWN BODY TRANS-FORMING ...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW...
ABOUT MY SUFFERING!!

IS THAT WHY YOU KILL?
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU KILLED
UNABLE TO BEAR THE HUNGER?
THOSE GIRLS..!
THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WERE BULLYING YOUR FRIEND
OR..
MAYBE THAT GIRL WHO'S BEEN WEIGHING ON YOUR MIND?
—SO?
WILL YOU KILL ALL THE CLASSMATES WHO PRETENDED NOT TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING?
WHO WILL YOU ATTACK NEXT?
grab
I...
rustle

KIRU——
TAKADA ...?
?!
CHOMP

ROAR
ENOUGH PLAYING AROUND
TIME FOR YOU TO DIE.

HAA!
bdmp
HAA
HA!
bdmp
HAA!
HAA!
UH...
drop
drop
THE CORROSION'S SPED UP BECAUSE YOU GOT TOO POWERFUL, HUH...
—WE'RE OUT OF TIME
WHY...?
WHY DID YOU DO THIS...?
JUST WHAT ARE YOU...!

BOMB
HAVING YOU HERE CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.
PLEASE, JUST GO AND DIE.
YOU AREN'T WANTED IN THIS HOUSE.
...IT HURTS ...
HELP ME...
SOME-ONE ——

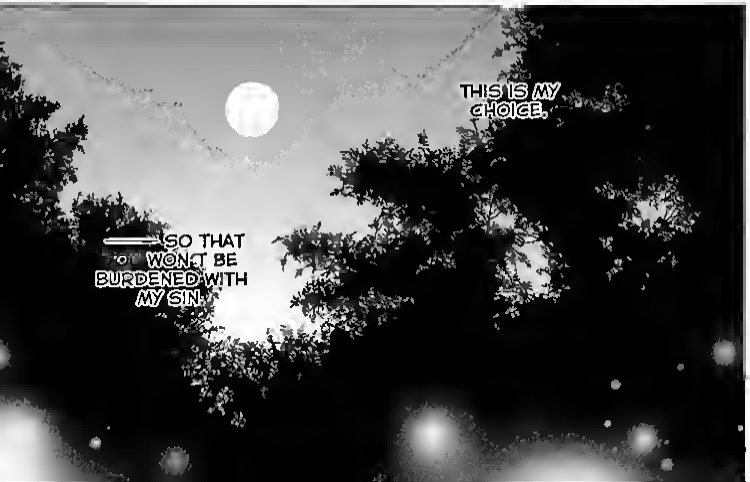
I KNEW IT. WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET A CHILD LIKE HIM STAY HERE!
HE KILLED HER!
——— I'M ALREADY SO TIRED.
KILL HIM!!
——I...
AND LOOK AT HOW HE KILLED HER! IT'S AWFUL!
GRAB HIM!
I'M SORRY, KUROE.

I'M A TSUMI-TSUKI AS WELL.
THERE ARE CIRCUM-STANCES I OBTAINED THIS POWER BEFORE IT FULLY AWAK-ENED
IN EXCHANGE, I NOW HAVE TO DEVOUR TSUMITSUKI IN ORDER TO SURVIVE

OUR SITUATIONS ARE DIFFERENT.
I CAN'T LIVE UNLESS OTHERS ARE SACRIFICED.
THAT'S WHO I AM.
WE'RE TWO OF A KIND
.....
LET ME SAY... ONE LAST THING TO KIRISHIMA...
PLEASE...

THAT I'D FORGOTTEN THIS FEELING THE WHOLE TIME?
—— WHY IS IT...
WHY DID SHINOHARA TRY TO KEEP ME AT ARM'S LENGTH AT THE END?
I DON'T WANT TO GET HER HURT.
I DON'T WANT TO GET HER INVOLVED.
THIS DESIRE TO PROTECT SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT...
I HAVE TO TELL HER.
...KIRISHIMA.
TAKADA!

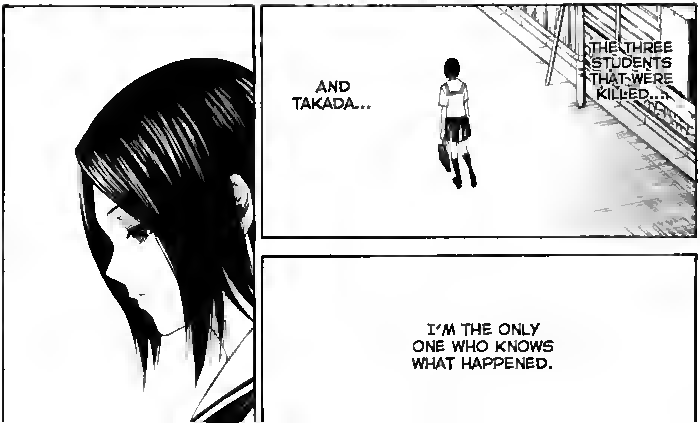
IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO ATONE FOR...
THE MEMORY OF MY SIN.


THIS IS MY CHOICE.
SO THAT I WON'T BE BURDENED WITH MY SIN.

SEVERAL DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE WHAT HAPPENED

FOR SOME REASON, EVERYONE'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.

NO ONE'S SPOKEN ABOUT IT EVEN ONCE.

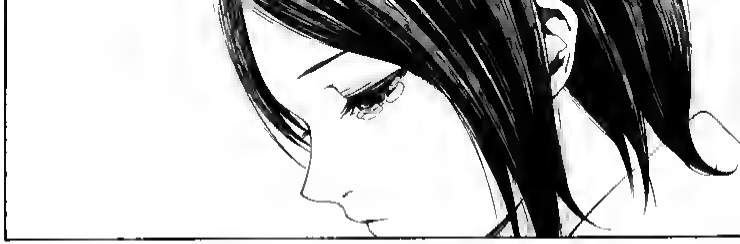


THE THREE STUDENTS THAT WERE KILLED...

AND TAKADA...

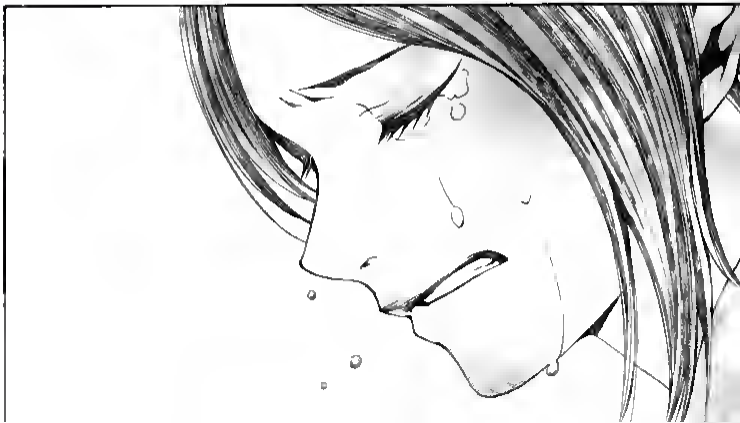
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED.

Mew
Mew
Mew
Mew
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU...
WANT TO COME LIVE WITH ME?
YOU'RE FROM BACK THEN...
Mew

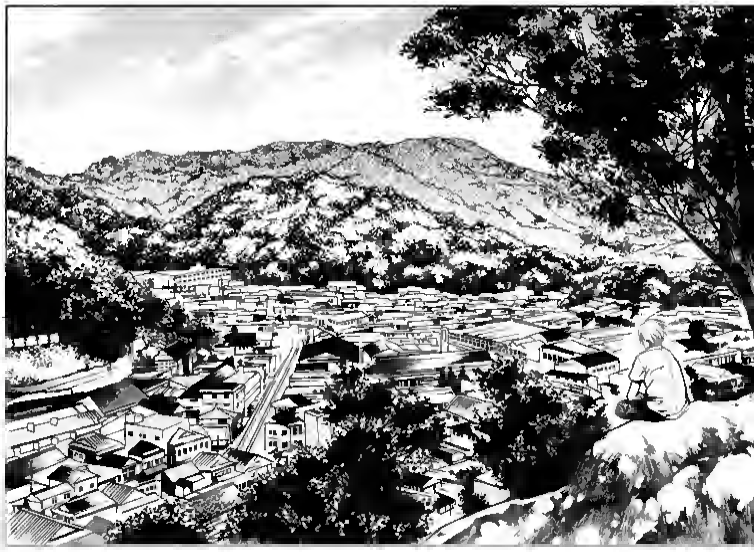


KIRI-SHIMA, LISTEN...

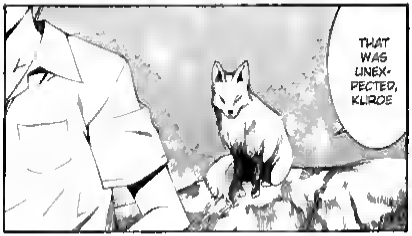
I WAS ACTUALLY REALLY HAPPY.



THANK YOU, KIRISHIMA,
FOR TALKING TO ME ——



...WHAT WAS?


THAT WAS UNEXPECTED, KLIROE

THAT GIRL, KIRISHIMA KOYUKI.
YOU'D USUALLY TRICK HER, RIGHT?
...IT WAS JUST A WHIM OF MINE.
BESIDES, EVEN WITHOUT ME SAYING ANYTHING,
SHE'LL PROBABLY BECOME A TSUMITSUKI SOMEDAY.

Chapter 4 - End

Tsumitsuki

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I Sui it Suki

—I WAS ABANDONED DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS, WHERE PEOPLE SAID THAT MONSTERS CAME OUT.
Chapter 0
Kuroe
THE MONSTERS PLAY TRICKS ON VILLAGERS WHO GET LOST THERE, AND EAT THEM.
AHH—
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
WHAT A DELICIOUS LOOKING CHILD—
...I DIDN'T CARE IF I DIED.
I am

—— UNTIL I MET HER.
SWISH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE
BOY.

HER NAME WAS KUZUHA.
SHE WAS AN EXORCIST WHO CLEANSED SPIRITS AND SHE TRAVELED WITH A FOX.
...NO USE FOR IT.
YOU CAN COME WITH ME. LET'S GO.
HER HAIR WAS SO BEAUTIFUL, SILVER AND SHINING...
IT FELT LIKE SHE WAS A DIFFERENT SPECIES ENTIRELY.

...TSUMI-TSUKI?
—— YES.
I RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM SEVERAL VILLAGES FOR A CLEANSING.
I SPECIALIZE IN HUNTING THOSE THINGS.
WITH THAT THING EARLIER, I'VE COMPLETED MY COMMISSION FROM THE VILLAGES AROUND HERE.
THAT'S AMAZING, KUZUHA.
YOU MUST BE REALLY LEARNED.
I HAVE A MONSTER TAMED INSIDE OF MY BODY.
HAHAHA
IT ISN'T THAT BIG OF A DEAL.
THOSE THINGS AREN'T EASY TO DEFEAT.
IF I DIDN'T USE DARK SORCERY LIKE THIS, PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OPPOSE THEM.

I'M SURE EVERYONE IS GRATEFUL.
BUT YOU'RE AMAZING, KUZUHA.
YOU WENT THAT FAR TO FIGHT THEM IN ORDER TO SAVE PEOPLE.
THANKS.
—— YOU THINK SO?
HE ISN'T FRIGHTENED OF ME AT ALL.
HE'S SUCH A STRANGE BOY
KUZUHA ...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING GETTING INVOLVED WITH A BOY?

GO AHEAD AND REPORT ME, IF YOU WANT.
IT'S NOT AS IF YOU HAVE ANYONE BEYOND ME WHO CAN FULFILL THIS DUTY
HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A HOME.
MAYBE HE WAS LEFT OUT HERE SO HIS FAMILY WOULD HAVE LESS CHILDREN TO FEED.
THE VILLAGES AROUND HERE HAVE HAD SEVERAL POOR CROPS, AND ARE STARVING.
YOU...
BESIDES, THAT BOY...
I'M JUST TAKING HIM ALONG UNTIL WE GET SOMEWHERE HE CAN STAY
DON'T WORRY, I'LL CARRY OUT MY DUTY.
I'M JUST PASSING

IT WAS LIKE I HAD A NEW FAMILY...
I WAS HAPPY.
—— WE WERE TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE WHILE AFTER THAT.
KUZUHA TOLD ME LOTS OF STORIES.
KUZU-HA...
AFTER SHE DE FEATED A SPIRIT SHE GOT HORRIBLY SICK AND COULDN'T LEAVE HER BED.
A LITTLE LATER SOME THING STRANGE HAPPENED TO KUZUHA.
ARE YOU OKAY...?
I'M FINE.
—— BUT...

SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
?!
AH
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED IT?
...YOU'RE ALREADY STARTING TO TURN INTO A TSUMITSUKI.
YOU FELT LIKE YOUR OWN EXISTENCE WAS A SIN WHEN YOUR PARENTS ABANDONED YOU, DIDN'T YOU?
AHA HAHA, YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIGHT YOU. YOU KNOW!?
CAN'T LET SOMEONE YOU LOVE BETRAY YOU A SECOND TIME!

- BUT DON'T WORRY, OKAY?
I'LL GIVE THE THING INSIDE ME TO YOU.
WHEN I DO, IT'LL STOP THE TSUMI-TSUKI FROM EATING AWAY AT YOU ANY FURTHER.
YOU'LL HAVE THE POWER TO FIGHT SPIRITS WITHOUT AGING.
slither
IN EXCHANGE, IF YOU DON'T KEEP DEVOURING TSUMITSUKI, THE CORROSION WILL START AGAIN AND YOU'LL DIE. THAT IS YOUR FATE.
I'M ALREADY... SO TIRED.
TIRED OF LIVING IN THIS BODY.
OF HUNTING TSUMI-TSUKI,
AND OF THE FEAR OF NEVER-ENDING PAIN...
——SO...

I'M SORRY, KUROE ——...
SSSSK
WHEN I CAME TO, THERE WAS BLOOD ALL AROUND
BUT SHE WASN'T ANY-WHERE TO BE SEEN.
DID I KILL HER?
OR MAYBE...

WHEN I FIRST SAW KUZUHA,
I THOUGHT SHE HAD THE SAME EYES AS ME.
WHAT SIN DID SHE CARRY...
THAT PAINED HER SO?
MAYBE SHE BECAME A TSUMI-TSUKI AND LOST HER SENSE OF SELF...
EVEN SO IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE...
SOON ENOUGH...
IT WAS DECIDED THAT I TAKE OVER HER DUTY.

IF I CAN MEET HER AGAIN...

...I'LL KEEP ON GOING.

—— UNTIL THAT DAY COMES.
Chapter 0 - End

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SPECIAL THANKS

葉田メル　加藤コウキ
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初のオリジナル単行本を出すことができました。

去年、奇跡の大手術を経えて生きる屍のようになっているときに、
生きることとは何か、この経験を元に何か漫画で描けるのでは？と思い立ち、
完成したのがこの漫画です。
しかしいざ描いてみると、女の子がひたすら陰惨な目にあう漫画になってしまいました。
お、おかしいですね。もっとこう、入間トラマを描くつもりだったのに　。

ちなみに上のカットは本編では
名前すら出てこない(本当はあるんですよ)キツネが人に化けた姿です。
女子校に潜入できないクロエ君をなじりつつ、
ツミツキを誰い出す役を演じてもらう予定だったのですが、
結局描く機会がなかったのでこの場にて。

最後に
担当の入見様、このマンガの制作に関わって下さった方々、
そして、この本を手に取って下さった読者の皆様、
本当にありがとうございました。

あ、勾陳、尋の手術は無事成功したので私のお尻は元気ですよ、とっても。

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古々、罪人の体に取り憑き悪事を働く異形の鬼たちがいた。
村人たちは次々と異形の鬼へと姿を変え、
村は鬼のものとなってしまった。
残された人々は、とある僧に助けを求めた。
僧は鬼を討つべく、あやかしを従え、鬼を退治した。
村人たちはふたたび鬼に憑かれる人間が現れることを恐れ、
異形の鬼、"ツミツキ"を祀る祠をたてた。
それがこの街に伝わる、鬼の伝承ということだが